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2019 AARA Field Day

From Danny Daigle KD3JSM May 23, 2019

Hello Everyone,

This year, AARA will be hosting Field Day at the farm of Steve and Mel Webre. We are looking forward to this event and we hope that you are able to spend some time with us. Handicap parking is available and bathroom amenities are on premises. We will begin setting stations up Saturday morning at 0800, with Field Day officially starting at 1300 and running until 1300 on Sunday.

LOCATION: 1529 Beaugh St., Church Point, LA

Directions from I-10 (Rayne/Church Point Exit)

Take LA 35 north into Church Point.

Turn Left onto S. Main St. (Sonic Drive In on corner)

Turn Right onto E Plaquemine St. (Daigle Hardware on corner)

Travel approximately 1/3 mile and turn Left onto N. Beaugh St. (Local Bar on corner)

Travel 1 mile and AF5VR's driveway will be on the left.

Please use caution when entering as folks will be setting up their stations.

Please remain on gravel drive unless directed otherwise

CAMPING: Camper spots will be available, however, power, water, and sewer will not be available; please plan accordingly. Please RSVP Steve or Danny if you plan on bringing a camper.

swebre@hotmail.com or kd5jsm@yahoo.com

Station information: We will have AMOSII with the antenna trailer and many other antenna configurations available for use. In the event that you plan on bringing your own personal set up, please remember to bring all of your necessary gear (portable table, battery power, radio, mic, coax, antenna, headset etc.) . In an effort to avoid any transmission interference, we will have band assignments for the different bands recognized by ARRL Field Day. Please help by adhering to band allocations that will be posted. In the event that you want to operate on a "band in use" accommodations can be made to get you in an area that avoids interference. ** Please see Tom or Danny for assistance**

Menu: The AARA will be providing food and drinks, however, if you have any special dietary requirements or personal preferences, please bring those items with you, as it is impossible to accommodate everyone's requests.

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AARA GENERAL MEETING

June 6 @ 7:00 PM

Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA

www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

June 6, 2019 7:00 PM
 Lafayette Science Museum
 433 Jefferson Street
 Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>
 Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
 145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA
 EchoLink Node: 370324

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Hams Help Trace "Mystery" Signal Disrupting Keyless Entry Devices in Ohio

ARRL.org Newslettter May 9, 2019

A recent article in The New York Times reported that many garage door openers and keyless vehicle entry fobs in an Ohio town near Cleveland mysteriously stopped working. While the article invoked The X-Files and hinted initially that a NASA research center might be involved, the cause was not so much mystifying as arcane.

"Garage door repair people, local ham radio enthusiasts, and other volunteer investigators descended on the neighborhood with various meters," the May 4 article by Heather Murphy recounted. "Everyone agreed that something powerful was interfering with the radio frequency that many fobs rely on, but no one could identify the source."

More than a dozen residents reported intermittent issues getting their key fobs and garage door openers to operate, and most lived within a few blocks of each other. At one point, the local power utility started shutting off power to areas where the strongest RF signal was detected, but the signal persisted. Dan Dalessandro, WB8ZQH, a TV repairer, was among several hams who investigated. He initially picked up "little blips" on a signal detector, but finally, on one block and at a particular house, the signal was quite loud.

"The source of the problem was a homebrew, battery-operated device designed by a local resident to alert him if someone was upstairs when he was working in his basement," the Times reported. "It did so by turning off a light." The inventor, not identified for privacy concerns, had no malicious intent nor any no inkling that his device was wreaking havoc on the neighborhood until a North Olmstead City Council member and a volunteer knocked on his door. The device operated on 315 MHz, the frequency many keyless-entry devices use under FCC Part 15 rules. The device's battery was removed, the signal stopped, and all who were involved breathed sighs of relief.

May 2019



VE TEST SESSION

2 May 2019

Another good test session this evening. Everyone testing passed something.

Thomas Talbot (K15EQC) of Erath became a Tech, Michael L. Huggins (K15EGL) of Lafayette upgraded to General along with Wayne G. Broussard (K15EGK) of Abbeville. And we had Phillip C. LaFleur (AG5UP) of Lafayette came in with an expired Advanced ticket and made it to Amateur Extra.

The VEs in attendance were Greg ~ K5LFT, Ric ~ KF5KEL & John ~ W4HVVH. TNX !!!!!

Congratulations to all !!!!!!!!!!!!!

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT



Carolyn Womack KE5OZT - SILENT KEY



It is with great sadness that the DallasARC shares with you that Carolyn Womack, KC5OZT of Lewisville, TX, went silent key Sunday morning, May 05, 2019, after a battle with cancer.

Carolyn was longtime member of the DARC, the oldest Ham Radio Club in Texas, and very active in DARC nets and ARRL NTS nets – as a past Section Manager and active participant. Carolyn is well known in the amateur radio community and her presence will be missed. She has served as a FCC Official Observer, Section Traffic Manager, a Central Area Net manager, and more for ARRL NTS along with actively involved with DARC nets... and she shined with her willingness to help and her friendliness, always, both on and off the air. Carolyn also taught piano, guitar and violin lessons for over 40 years, something most didn't know about her.

FCC is Not Reinstating a Vanity Call Sign Fee

ARRL Newsletter May 16, 2019

An erroneous report this week suggested that the FCC planned to again impose an Amateur Radio vanity call sign application (regulatory) fee of \$70 for the 10-year term. This incorrect conclusion resulted from an incomplete reading of the May 7 FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the matter of the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal year 2019.

Although the Schedule of Regulatory Fees does show a \$7 annual fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs, a boldface heading in that section of the NPRM states, "REGULATORY FEES. This section is no longer in effect as it has been amended by RAY BAUM'S Act of 2018..." Section 9(e)(2) of RAY BAUM'S Act gives the Commission discretion to exempt a party from paying regulatory fees when the FCC determines that the cost of collection exceeds the amount collected. A new section 9(e)(1) incorporated the Amateur Radio vanity fee exemption from FCC rules into the statute.

The NPRM makes clear in several other places that regulatory fees no longer apply to Amateur Radio licenses. The FCC eliminated the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs in 2015.

QST RESCHEDULED June 1 QST

All Persons interested in Ham Radio Are invited to the
2019 2nd Annual Louisiana Delta Radio Club



SPRING FLING!!!

POTA K-2373

To be at:

Poverty Point Reservoir State Park

At the Pavilions

Delhi Louisiana

June 1, 2019 From 9:00 am till 2:00 pm

(Site available for setup @8:00 am)

VE Session 10:00am - 11:00am



Tailgate, Vendor, Table Spaces Under the Pavilion
Flea Market Court yard Pop Up Tent Area.. FREE
email KB5VJY@ARRL.NET for TABLE SITES LIMITED SPACE
Courtyard area First Come All spots Bring your own Table

PRIZES ---- FOOD ---- FELLOWSHIP

Hamburgers - Hot Dogs - Chicken Strips

(TEA, Coffee, and Water Provided)

Fox Hunt ~ Demonstrations (AMSAT, Antennas, Portable Tower, ARES and More)

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!



CAMPING SITES AVAILABLE.
CONTACT THE STATE PARK OFFICE
TO RESERVE YOUR SITE NOW!!!
(318) 878-7536

My New Website

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK
kn5grk.com

I have been contemplating building my own personal website for about a year or so now and finally got around to make it happen. I had a website “piggy backed” on the AARA Club’s Website for a number of years but was limited on the space and content. After searching the Internet for a reasonable priced domain, I ended up with QTH.com (the same host our club uses). They cater to ham radio operators and the price was reasonably priced (\$76.34 per year which includes a domain name and one gigabyte space) more than I will ever use, not bad. My website is: <http://www.kn5grk.com/>

I am somewhat familiar with MS Front Page as I have done some of the AARA web pages for a long time but our new AARA webmaster (David KG5JHR) is wanting to redo our website as there are a number of outdated links, files and graphics taking up space that are of no importance. The AARA is currently two websites in one and David would like to make it a single site, this would simplify things a great deal, which is understandable.

The hard part in setting up a website is getting your user name / password and your FTP (File Transfer Protocol) client set up. If you already have another website on another server, moving the files to your new site can be a problem but just be patient. I had to leave a link on my old website pointing to my new one so persons that had my old QSL cards and business cards with the old website could get to my new website. I will try to keep my website simple and as uncluttered as possible. I will be adding more to my website as time goes by and would appreciate any comments you may have about my website. Of course I will still maintain my e-mail reflector as long as possible. You can e-mail me at: kn5grk@lusfiber.net

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AARA Field Day

Saturday Breakfast Donuts Glen KF5FNP
Saturday Lunch Order Out Tom w5OHJ
Saturday Dinner Order Out Tom W5OHJ
Sunday Breakfast Donuts Glen KF5FNP
Sunday Lunch TBD

Miscellaneous: (Bring your Own...)

Headset / Earbuds Bug Spray Extra Clothing Rain Gear
Comfortable Shoes Chairs and more chairs Pop-up Canopy (if you plan on operating outside)
Drink/Snacks Personal Hygiene items

May 2019 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	54		104	KD5JSM Danny
Region 4 SkyWarn Net	4	31		92	N5MCY Chris
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	40		70	KD5JSM Danny
Thursday Night Net Cancelled for now					

"Don't find fault. Find a remedy."
~~~ Henry Ford

## AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater only.

The 146.820 and 443.00 repeater located on the Chase Towers downtown Lafayette are back on-air as of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
146.820- 600 PL 103.5 W5DDL EchoLink Node: 759629  
443.000+ 5 MHz PL 103.5 W5DDL

The 145.410 in Lydia is back up, PL of 123.0.

The June 2019 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website.

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

| DATE:      | TIME:   | REPEATER:     | PL TONE: | NCS          |
|------------|---------|---------------|----------|--------------|
| 06/03/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Danny KD5JSM |
| 06/10/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Paul N5KNY   |
| 06/17/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Eric KG5JHP  |
| 06/24/2019 | 7:00 PM | 146.820 W5DDL | 103.5    | Chris N5MCY  |



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

|       |        |          |
|-------|--------|----------|
| 06/05 | KE5RPI | Karen    |
| 06/05 | KE5LYC | Marilyn  |
| 06/06 | KE5NTW | Mark     |
| 06/07 | K5VXX  | Joseph   |
| 06/08 | WR5U   | Michael  |
| 06/10 | KG7KBL | Valee    |
| 06/11 | KE5KJD | Sandy    |
| 06/14 | KG5IQU | Brett    |
| 06/15 | AG5CB  | Benjamin |
| 06/30 | W5MLC  | Melissa  |
| 07/02 | WA5KNC | Eugene   |

## REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 SkyWarn Net will take place on the 145.370 SkyWarn repeater in Lafayette. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The June schedule can be found at this link:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5.

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

## LOUISIANA TRAFFIC NET SIMULATED DRILL

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK

On Sunday May 19, 2019, the Louisiana Traffic Net (LTN) met at 1600 hrs Central Time on 3910 KHz for a simulated drill in preparation of the up-coming hurricane season June 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019.

Net Control Station (NCS) was Jim Lewis AB5YS (Louisiana Traffic Manager) located in Harrisburg, Louisiana about halfway between Alexandria and Monroe.

The main purpose of this net is to get a general idea of propagation at this time of day on 3910 KHz. Stations would report to the NCS their station set-up such as transceiver, power, antenna height, antenna orientation and signal report.

Stations reporting were from North, South, East and West Louisiana with numerous stations from east Texas checking into the net. A total of 17 stations reported with one piece of Priority Traffic passed to LTN stations. Total time of the drill was 32 minutes.

The Louisiana Traffic Net met later on Sunday evening at 1800 Central Time on 3910 KHz. and discussed the above drill and possible improvements to take into consideration.

The LTN meets four times a week on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday on 3910 KHz. at 1800 hrs, Central Time.

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### Ohio ARES Active in Wake of Tornadoes that Badly Damaged Hara Arena

*AARL.org News 05-29-2019 \*\*\*NOTE: more information available at [www.arrl.org/news](http://www.arrl.org/news)*

Hara Arena, in Trotwood, Ohio, which served as the home for Dayton Hamvention® for more than six decades, was among the structures damaged when tornadoes swept through the Dayton area on Memorial Day. According to a report from WHIO TV, Hara Arena suffered extensive damage. Drone video showed that the roof and side of the structure had been blown off in several places. Hamvention relocated to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center in 2017, after Hara Arena shut down the previous year.

The Hara Arena damage apparently resulted from what CBS News called “a large and dangerous tornado” that struck Trotwood. Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Stan Broadway, N8BHL, said ARES counties and districts activated last evening after nearly 40 tornado warnings were issued across the state. “Our state EOC Auxcomm station has been on the air since early last evening,” Broadway told ARRL. “We are still active, and it look like ARES will be active for several days during the recovery. The situation is rapidly changing.” As of Tuesday morning, state and local emergency management agencies are handling damage issues. “Because of lack of power, the entire Montgomery County (Dayton area) water system faces depressurization,” Broadway said. “Dayton Children’s Hospital is on complete generator power.”

Ohio ARES remains active on HF (SSB and digital modes), as well as on DMR and VHF repeaters.

“This appears to be a long-term activation while different areas begin the recovery process,” Broadway said. “Counties and districts involved are urged to maintain liaison with the state through one of these nets.”

The severe weather caused widespread damage in and around Dayton and elsewhere in the Miami Valley. The National Weather Service (NWS) has said it will take several days to survey the damage. The tornadoes struck after dark, and damage assessment is still under way. Multiple injuries and one fatality have been reported.

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*Share the Fun ~  
Bring a Friend  
to be a HAM.*

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2019 AARA Field Day    June 22-23            Steve Webre farm Churchpoint, LA**

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### **Braised Beef Tips**

1 pound of boneless beef shoulder, chuck or sirloin.  
½ cup Beef broth or stock    ½ cup Dry red wine  
Granulated onion powder    Granulated garlic powder  
Paprika                              Salt and pepper  
EXTRA Virgin Olive Oil

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Cut meat into tips, about one inch or larger. Season the tips with onion and garlic powder. Also, the salt, pepper and paprika. In a large, non-stick, ovenproof skillet over medium heat, heat a small amount of EVOO. Brown the tips, then add broth or stock and wine to cover. Cover, bring to a boil and then place in a 300° oven for about 1-1/2 hours, until the tips are tender and the broth or stock becomes a light gravy.

That is it. Serve in sandwiches, over rice, pasta, or potatoes, etc.

### ***FCC Information Service***

*Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/ vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:*

*[ulscomm@fcc.gov](mailto:ulscomm@fcc.gov).*

**FCC Website:**

**<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>**

*New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/ VEC at 860-594-3000*

**<http://www.arrl.org/arrlyec>**

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